

## Making Maps to Save Chimpanzees

One of the major challenges in planning for the conservation of these chimpanzees is the lack of a comprehensive understanding of their distribution. This is complicated by the fact that few good maps exist of the chimpanzees' range. At the action planning workshop, North Carolina Zoo staff collected all the available records of chimpanzee presence from meeting attendees. We added these to a computer mapping database created specially for the chimpanzee action plan, and used the combined data to create a series of digital maps. These maps were used at the meetings to aid discussion and highlight conservation needs. The map database was also used to create maps of the priority chimpanzee conservation sites identified at the meetings. These maps will soon be published in the final

action plan and circulated to conservationists in Nigeria, Cameroon and around the world.



*Chimpanzees rescued from poachers sometimes end up at rehabilitation centers, like this one in Nigeria.*

*Researchers, conservationists and government officials contributed to the action plan.*



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